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SUBJECT: FONSEC ON SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

REFERENCE: MOGADISCIO 1759

1. FONSEC TOLD ME DEC. 10 THAT GSDR CONSIDERS RECENT ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS AS WHOLLY INTERNAL AFFAIR AND IS MAINTAINING POLICY OF STRICT NON-INTERFERENCE. HE SAID GSDR AND SIAD HAVE REFRAINED FROM COMMENT ON SITUATION EVEN THOUGH LATTER BADGERED BY PRESS TO MAKE SOME STATEMENT DURING HIS RECENT WEST AFRICAN TRIP. HE DID SAY SIAD HAD MADE PUBLIC REMARK TO EFFECT IT PREFERABLE THAT ANY EXECUTIONS BE PRECEDED BY TRIALS BUT THAT THIS WAS MATTER FOR ETHIOPIANS TO DECIDE.

2. FONSEC SAID ETHIOPIAN PICTURE WAS FAR FROM CLEAR TO GSDR. I STATED IN RESPONSE HIS QUERY THAT IT WAS UNCLEAR TO US ALSO. I NOTED HOWEVER THAT NEW DEFENSE MINISTER (FORMER ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA) WAS, CONFIDENTIAL

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TO BEST MY BELIEF, SINCERELY DEDICATED TO PEACE BETWEEN

ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. FONSEC SAID HE AGREED WITH THIS
ASSESSMENT.

3. SOMALI MEDIA HAVE CONTINUED REFRAIN FROM EDITORIALIZING
ON ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS, REPORTING EVENTS AS THEY
OCCUR IN MANNER DESCRIBED REFTEL.
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